

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : PUNCHING TOOL PROVIDED WITH TOOL IDENTIFICATION MEDIUM
AND PUNCH PRESS PROVIDED WITH A TOOL IDENTIFICATION
MEDIUM READER

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER *EX PARTE* QUAYLE

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 25, 2007, in which a two month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on August 27, 2007 (August 25, 2007 falling on a Saturday), the period for response having been extended to expire on September 25, 2007 by the concurrent submission of a Request for one-month Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections, and an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks, and the concurrently-submitted executed Declaration and Replacement Figures.

A new Executed Declaration is submitted herewith.

Replacement Figures are submitted herewith and described beginning at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.